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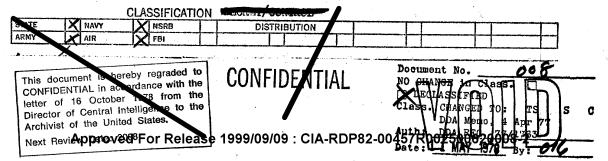
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- The Hungarian Air Force, reorganized since 10 May 1948, has a theoretical personnel strength of 2,650, divided as follows: 200 officer pilots, 200 officer teachers, 250 members of the Kossuth Academy, 2,000 crewmen (flying and nonflying personnel, fitters, mechanics, etc.)
- 2. The Air Force has the following training planes: 2 Bucher Jungmann, 8 Bucher Bestmann, 1 Arado 96 A, 3 Arado 96 B.
- Combat Units are as follows:
  - 1 fighter company with 9 Fiat C S R-42
  - 1 fighter company with 9 ME-109
  - 1 fighter company with 9 ME-112
  - 1 close reconnaissance company with 9 ME-46
  - 1 distant reconnaissance company with 9 HE-111
  - 1 distant reconnaissance company with 9 HE-70
  - 3 bombing companies each with 9 JU-86

These ships are stationed at the following airfields: Budapest (training); Pecs and Debrecen (fighters); Szolnok, Vep, and Varpalota (reconnaissance and bombers).

- The Hungarian General Staff recently purchased 12 training ships of the R.12 type. These are almost identical to the UT. 2 (twin-seat, singleengine, low-wing, fixed landing gear, 5-cylinder radical engine, unarmed). They do not have the same designation because of different manufacture. They were delivered at the end of September and assigned to the 1 Air Group at Matyasfold.
- 5. Continuing its policy of acquiring training equipment, the Hungarian General Staff recently purchased various aircraft, totaling four million forint, in Czechoslovakia. These ships were:



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30 M 1 C "Sokole"

8 light twin-engine Aero-45

3 M 2 C "Sokols"

- 6. All of these aircraft are unarmed and are civilian or training ships. It should be noted that the M 1 C "Sokol" lends itself perfectly to training. Not all of these ships will be kept by the Army Air Force. Some, even though they belong to the Air Force, will be put at the disposal of "OMRE", People's Aviation Association, which is to give premilitary training to pilots of the air arm.
- 7. An agreement between Hungary and the Soviet Union, signed the last part of August 1948, will provide Hungary with Soviet planes in October and November. These ships will be the first lot of the planes which will be used to form a mixed air "battalion" (fighters and bombers). The Hungarian aviators will familiarize themselves with Soviet equipment at Szolnok.
- 8. 1 Independent Air Company

The commandant of the 1 Independent Air Company is Lieutenant Colonel Szentgyorgyi; officer in charge of training, Lieutenant Lajos Toth. The training is divided into two sections - a school for recruits and instruction for reservists (training of reserve pilots). The teaching personnel is composed of four officers who have flown combat missions and one technical officer. At the end of July, the company had 30 Czech training ships, 6 "Arado" fighter-trainer, 5 "Bucker" trainers, and a number of gliders. The gliders are stationed at the Harmashatarhegy airfield, which is under military control. The strength of the company is 200 men.

- 9. The first aerial organization has been named the "First Independent Training Squadron". The commandant is Colonel Janos Pyenes; the adjutant, Lieutenant Colonel Andor Lang; commander of the training company, Lieutenant Lajos Toth. Colonel Szentgyorgyi, who had been designated as the leader of the first air unit, in reality is commandant of the Matyasfold airfield and not in charge of the unit. This unit is to be transferred from Matyasfold to Szolnok because the Matyasfold airfield does not have billets for the troops. The reconstruction of the buildings of the Szolnok airfield is to be completed soon.
- 10. Intensive Soviet air activity in Hungary is noted particularly in Transdanubia. The headquarters of Soviet aviation seems to be in Balatonfured since there is heavy traffic on the roads linking this town with the airfields of the region. At Veszprem, many aviators are seen in the town and there are also many flyers at the Papa airfield.
- 11. At Czelldomolk and Sarvar there are auxiliary airfields where the Soviet aircraft are parked in the open. The runways are dirt or grass and the men are quartered in tents.

There is a bombardiers' camp at Magyarovar and the wooded area - about 70 square kilometers - surrounding the town is used for training with live bombs. The aircraft used resemble "Lancasters".

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- 12. There has been a reduction of Soviet Air Forces in Hungary. It is noticeable that there are very few aircraft on the ground at Szekesfehervar, Papa, and Szombathely where Soviet airfields are located. The number of planes hardly averages 10 to 15 a day. Two months ago, several hundred aircraft were stationed at these three fields.
- 13. A close liaison net using couriers, wire communication and radio has just been established with the army ground forces which are on maneuvers in the ....(illegible) region. It seems probable that units of the air force now are to take part in joint maneuvers scheduled for October.
- 14. Aircraft belonging to no unit stationed in Hungary have been noted at the Papa airfield. These were IA.5, Aerocobra, TU.2 light bomber, and TU.70 four-engine bomber. These ships stay only a short time at the Papa airfield and for two or three consecutive days make many short flights as though to reconncitre the terrain. At the present time, Papa has the only airfield which can be used by bombers.
- 15. Veszprem-Jutas Airfield. Between 24 and 27 September the following were stationed at the Veszprem-Jutas airfield: 66 YAK-9, 36 IL-2, 2 PO-2, and five radio trucks.
- 16. Veszprem-Szabadi Airfield. Between 24 and 27 September the following were stationed at the Veszprem-Szabadi airfield: 47 IL-2, 47 Rata, many radio trucks and camouflaged tank trucks near the field.
- 17. There are always many Soviet aviators in the town of Veszprem. The vehicles which they use are of the series:

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formerly used by the air units has completely

- 18. Budapest. Some hangars and camouflaged workshops on the different airfields of Budapest contain more than a thousand dismantled fighter planes.
- 19. Budaors Airfield. Underground gasoline tanks are being constructed in a radius of 5 kilometers around the Budaors airfield. 30 tank trucks are assigned to transport the gasoline.

